

I am writing in regards to the recent closure of the Careywood Idaho Post Office. The community of Careywood needs this post office.

I am an older disabled person and need to take heart medication, cancer medication and various other medication which I receive by mail at my post office box. Having to drive the additional 20 miles round trip to get my mail and medications has proven to be a hardship for me, the cost of gasoline, wear and tear of my car and loss of time. It will take even longer in the winter due to ice and snow on highway 95. The granite Loop grade can be especially treacherous during the winter, at times requiring chains to pass over it. This really concerns me.

The Athol post office is poorly lighted, has inadequate parking and is difficult to get in and out of. The post office boxes provided are in disarray and small requiring me to wait in a long line to get my mail handed to me. I use a walker and can only stand for very short periods of time.

At the Careywood post office, I could park directly in front, and walk right in. All services were available at the Careywood office. The new postal person provided services that they previously didn't have including being open during the lunch hour.

I recently had a parcel returned from the Athol office. I'd ordered something and instead of contacting me, they just returned it. I was not happy with how this was handled. I called the Athol office and they didn't even have a record of having received it. The store that I'd ordered from confirmed that the parcel was sent out then returned!

Sincerely,
Doris Gingg